

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,
Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,
Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during first quarter 2002 was 372,608, a decrease of 1.8% from fourth quarter 2001, and a decrease of 0.9% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 20. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 46,005 employees, or 12.3% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 237,769 employees, or 63.8% of total employment.

Total wages increased 1.8% from the same period in 2001, and decreased by 4.7% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$580.36. West Feliciana parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$760.97.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the following table. The

average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table, "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 22.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$ 667.28
East Baton Rouge	598.05
East Feliciana	467.33
Iberville	742.88
Livingston	424.87
Pointe Coupee	474.52
St. Helena	414.69
Tangipahoa	431.73
Washington	438.89
West Baton Rouge	619.05
West Feliciana	760.97

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for first quarter 2002 was 21,428.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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